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Feds Ground Wayward Pilot

WASHINGTON | The government has revoked the license of the pilot in charge of the small plane that straved to within three miles of the White House on May 11, forcing the panicked evacuation of the executive mansion, Capitol and Supreme Court.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday that it had issued an emergency revocation of Hayden L. Sheaffer's pilot's license because he "constitutes an unacceptable risk to safety in air commerce."

Though hundreds of people have wandered

into Washington's restricted airspace, this was believed to be the first such revocation.

Sheaffer's plane entered restricted airspace and then continued flying toward highly sensitive areas, prompting evacuations as military aircraft scrambled to intercept it.

Sheaffer didn't take the most basic steps required of pilots before flying, the FAA said. He failed to check the weather report before leaving Smoketown, Pa., and he didn't check the FAA's "Notices to Airmen," which inform pilots of airspace restrictions. (AP)

Deal Ends Filibuster Deadlock

Centrists reach compromise to avert showdown in Senate

WASHINGTON | Fourteen Republican and Democratic senators announced Monday they had reached a compromise designed to prevent a showdown over President Bush's judicial nominations.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaking for the group of seven Republicans and seven Democrats, announced the agreement at a news conference.

Under the deal, the Democrats agreed to accept cloture votes on three of President Bush's iudicial nominees. The Republicans pledged not to support the so-called "nuclear option" to end



McCain

the ability of the minority to use filibusters to block nominees. The group of senators said the Senate leadership had signaled it would go along with the compromise.

Word of the agreement came after leaders of both parties indicated they expected the dispute to come to a head Tuesday, and Bush reiterated his insistence on "an up-ordown vote" for his nominees.

Without the compromise, it had been expected that the leadership of the majority Republicans would move Tuesday to effectively end the minority Democrats' ability to use filibusters to block judicial nominees. If that step were taken, Democrats have warned, they would shut down most Senate business. WILLIAM BRANIGIN AND DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

THE DARK SIDE | Darth Raider Darth Vader was a frequent sight at many movie theaters across the country this weekend. But the Dark Side was especially strong with one man wearing a Vader mask at a Springfield, Ill., theater, who used the Force in



eye Openers

'FESSING UP

File Under 'Public Affairs'

Fooling around? It's going in your file. Nanjing, China, is telling government and Communist Party officials to report their extramarital affairs, citing philandering as a prime factor in

extortions. According to the state-controlled Xinhua News Agency, 95 percent of officials convicted of corruption were found to be having affairs. Chinese scholars said the regulation appeared to violate both citizen's privacy rights and China's marriage law, and questioned whether the rule could ever be enforced. (AP)

GIMMICKS

Party of 4, Your Toilet Is Ready

Diners in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, have been flocking to eateries where they eat off plates and bowls that are shaped like toilets, Agence France Presse reported. The Marton ("toilet") Theme Restaurant, which opened in May 2004, has been so popular that owner Eric Wang opened



a second, bigger branch in December. Customers sit atop colorful toilet seats, and some tables are converted bathtubs

with glass covers. The walls are adorned with neon-lit faucets and urinals turned into lamps. "We not only sell food but also laughter," said Wang. Before opening the restaurant, he sold ice cream in toiletshaped cones out of street booths. (EXPRESS)



PRANK

Blue-Light Special in Cave 6

Life was hard for Neanderthals, at least until Safeway began stocking fresh woolly mammoth meat. That's one interpretation of this hoax cave painting, on display at the British Museum in London until officials removed it Wednesday. On his Web site, self-styled "art terrorist" Banksy claimed his work had been on view "for quite some time." (The museum said a couple of days.) Accompanying the faux display was this text: "This finely preserved example of primitive art dates from the Post-Catatonic era and is thought to depict early man venturing towards the out-of-town hunting grounds." (AP)

DISAPPEARANCES

For Hire: Freaked-Out Former Fishermen

Bolotnikovo, Russia, residents were baffled Thursday after their lake mysteriously disappeared overnight, the BBC reported. Officials said the water may have been sucked into an underground cave system or river, leaving a giant muddy hole. The trees on the lake's banks also appeared to have been sucked underground with the water, a local fireman said. (EXPRESS)

COMPETITION

'05's Most Pointless Valedictorian Speech

Every detail of Jamie Gatz's graduation from her Outlook, Mont., high school was tailored exactly to her liking. She had no rivals for valedictorian, either, because Gatz was the lone graduate. On Wednesday, Outlook School will close for good. Its last three students will move to other schools, and Gatz is preparing for college. (AP)



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BEAT GOES ON: An unpublished, three-act play by Jack Kerouac has been found recently and will be excerpted next month in Best Life magazine. The entire play, titled "Beat Generation," will be published this fall by Thunder's Mouth Press.



Nation

Trial Opens On Wash. Poll Dispute

GOP lobs new claims of fraud in challenge to governor's election

WENATCHEE, WASH. | A trial to determine whether to throw out the results of Washington state's gubernatorial election last fall opened Monday with the Republicans charging that the Democrats "stole" the contest for Christine Gregoire,

who won by 129 votes out of 2.9 million cast.

The GOP wants Dino Rossi declared the winner or a do-over election held.

"This is a case

of election fraud," GOP attorney Dale Foreman said in his opening statement in the trial, which is being heard without a jury.

Foreman surprised the court with a new claim: that the Democrats rigged the election by stuffing ballot boxes in Gregoire's two strongest precincts and by "losing" votes in two of Rossi's strongest precincts.

Democratic attorney Kevin Hamilton countered by arguing that the Republicans lack the "serious proof" they need to make their case and justify the removal of the governor. REBECCA COOK (AP)

High Court Takes Up Abortion Case

Justices to review parental notification statute

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court said Monday it would take up a new abortion case this fall, raising the political stakes just as the court faces the possibility of replacing ailing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

The justices, in agreeing to review a parental notification law from New Hampshire, showed surprising zeal to take on a divisive subject — especially considering the uncertainty of the court's future and the partisan fighting in the Senate over judicial nominees.

The last major Supreme Court

abortion case splintered the justices 5-4. A similar split could occur again, with or without Rehnquist, with additional drama outside the court.

Rehnquist,80, has thyroid cancer and was seen being wheeled Monday into the Capitol, apparently for medical treatment.

A Rehnquist retirement would give Bush his first vacancy on the Supreme Court, and abortion would

Rehnquist

be the flashpoint in the debate over a replacement.

The case that will be argued near the end of 2005 does not deal with the legality of abortion, but a victory for New Hampshire on parental notification could give states more flexibility to make it harder for women to get abortions. The court is clarifying the legal standard that is applied when courts review the constitutionality of abortion laws.

"It is a bold step to take the case," said Douglas Kmiec, a law professor at Pepperdine University. "It may well be the court's way of reminding the president there's a lot at stake in a Supreme Court vacancy." (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ The Supreme Court turned away an appeal Monday that contended 51 Mexicans on U.S. death row were improperly denied legal help, avoiding a dispute over whether international law is binding on American courts. The 5-4 decision dismissed the case of Jose Medellin, who argued he was entitled to a federal court hearing on whether his rights were violated when a Texas court tried and sentenced him to death in 1994 on rape and murder charges. The case will now be hashed out in state courts. (AP)

NORTH CAROLINA | A BUILDING'S END



BIG BOOM: A giant explosion is generated as demolition experts implode the six-story Burlington Industries Building in Greensboro, N.C., on Monday. Developers plan to expand a shopping center on the newly cleared land.

Jackson Defense Pursues Mother

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | The mother of Michael Jackson's accuser committed fraud when she did not disclose on a welfare application that her family received money from a \$152,000 lawsuit settlement 10 days earlier, a welfare official testified Monday at Jackson's child molestation trial.

Jackson's lawyers also called an accountant to show that the family ran up other expenses at a cost of \$7,000 to Jackson during a week they were allegedly being held captive by the pop star.

The mother invoked constitutional protection against self-incrimination on the welfare issue and was not required to talk about it. (AP)



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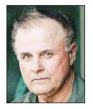
BEARSTROKE: A 140-pound bear wandered into a suburban Los Angeles neighborhood Sunday evening, bumping into doors and windows before taking a few splashes in a backyard pool. It was tranquilized and released into the mountains.

Pa. Man **Accused of Bomb Plot**

Suspect planned to build and sell device to al Qaeda, officials say

HOUSTON | A man who told undercover agents he has "no lovalty for America" has been charged with trying to build a bomb and sell it to an affiliate of al Qaeda, officials said Monday.

Ronald A. Grecula, 68, of



Bangor, Pa., was arrested Friday in Houston during a meeting with undercover FBI agents, U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said. At the meet-

ing, Grecula indicated willingness to build and sell an explosive device that would be used against Americans, officials alleged in court documents.

Grecula dealt with an undercover officer who he thought was a member of al Qaeda, a news release from Shelby's office said.

Grecula allegedly said during the meeting Friday that he would be willing to build the bomb in exchange for somehow obtaining custody of his two children. (AP)

Karzai Rebuffed on Troops

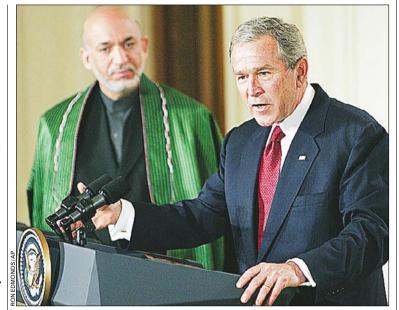
Bush says U.S. will retain control over forces in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON | Afghan President Hamid Karzai left the White House on Monday with no promise of more control over thousands of American troops in his country and with strains in his relationship with the United States on full display.

Despite a chummy side-by-side news conference with President Bush that was designed to showcase U.S. support for Afghanistan's first democratically elected leader, Karzai also got no promise of the quick repatriation of Afghan prisoners now in U.S. custody at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and else-

Both issues have caused Karzai headaches at home, where anti-American sentiment recently exploded over a news report, since retracted, that U.S. interrogators flushed a Quran down a toilet. Sixteen Afghans died in protests this month.

"Of course our troops will



ALLIED: President Bush and Afghan President Hamid Karzaitake questions Monday.

respond to U.S. commanders," Bush said, while praising the progress of Afghan forces and taking pains to say that the U.S. military consults with Karzai's government.

There are about 20,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan. There are also about 8,200 troops from NATO countries.

Bush, meanwhile, did not sugar-

coat the U.S. position that Karzai's government must do more, and fast, to squelch Afghanistan's burgeoning opium poppy industry.

"There's too much poppy cultivation in Afghanistan. And I made it very clear to the president that ... we have got to work together to eradicate (the) poppy crop," Bush said. Anne Gearan (AP)

Fla. Girl Recalls ing second on the list of the Little of Attack most vital connecting points

for international air travel. Paris ranks first and New York is also a top stop. (AP)

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LAKE WORTH, FLA. | An 8-vear-old girl who was raped and buried alive told a friend she remembers her attacker towering over her before she passed out, then awoke seven hours later beneath a pile of rocks and concrete blocks when she heard the voices of rescuers.

The girl, who had been staying at her godmother's house, was reported missing early Sunday. She was hospitalized in good condition Monday and a teenage boy who also had been staying at the home was arrested. Authorities said he confessed.

"She said the last thing she remembers is that he looked over her with these big eyes and then she said she went to sleep," said Danielle Holloman, a family friend. (AP)

Study: Crestor Has More Side Effects

DALLAS | Contrary to government claims, side effects happen more often with Crestor, a cholesterol-lowering drug that consumer advocates tried to get off the market earlier this year, a new analy-

The review of leading cholesterol drugs taken by millions of Americans showed that most are very safe and that the risk of serious problems, even with Crestor. are very low. But the latest research seemed to challenge a Food and Drug Administration decision not to pull the drug off the market.

The new study said that kidnev problems and severe muscle weakness were reported two to eight times more frequently among Crestor users than those taking other statins. (AP)

WASHINGTON

House Plans to Weigh Hotly Debated Stem Cell Issue

A new round of debate on stem cell research opened Monday with emotional appeals by people who have survived diseases. They praised one House measure that is due for a vote and hailed lawmakers who are pushing a farther-reaching bill certain to draw a presidential veto. The action centered on two bills up for House debate Tuesday, both of which have strong support from lawmakers. (AP)

HUNTINGTON, W.VA.

Mysterious Shooting Leaves 4 Teens Dead on Prom Night

Police brought several people in for questioning and searched for clues Monday in the shooting deaths of four teenagers on the morning after the prom. The teenagers were killed early Sunday in the front yard of the apartment house where one of the victims lived. Police said they did not know the motive for the killings. No immediate arrests were made, Capt. Steve Hall said. (AP)



Mourners gather Monday at the scene of the shooting in Huntington, W.Va.

The Washington Post

Fresh Take: A Reston art teacher was so taken by her student's ideas for home design that she entered their drawings in a contest — and some of them won. | *Metro*

Cracking the Books: The odds are stacked against getting students to read for pleasure while also pushing them to understand more complex texts. | A Section

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World



SCOOPING CRIME: A local Vienna, Austria, politician said Monday he wants to use DNA tests on dog droppings left on streets and sidewalks to fine the dogs' owners. Tickets are rarely issued now because pets must be caught in the act.

Attacks Thunder Across Iraq

Insurgents dispatch a series of car bombers, killing 49 people

BAGHDAD | A string of car bombs and suicide attacks across Iraq killed at least 49 Iraqis and wounded more than 130 Monday, striking a Baghdad restaurant popular with police, a Shiite mosque and the home of a community leader near Mosul.

Insurgents also assassinated a senior Iraqi general in the capital, and the U.S. military reported that four American soldiers were killed in combat Sunday in northern Iraq and a fifth died in an accident.

About 610 people, including 49 U.S. troops, have been killed since



A man grieves for his brother at Yarmouk hospital in Baghdad on Monday. The brother was shot dead along with a top official in the National Security Ministry.

April 28, when Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari announced his new government.

In Monday's deadliest attack, two car bombs exploded in the town of Tal Afar, 50 miles west of the northern city of Mosul, killing at least 20 people and injuring 20 more, officials said. The blasts apparently targeted the home of Hassan Baktash, a Shiite Muslim with close ties to the Kurdistan Democratic Party.

A suicide car bomber carried out the second worst strike when he blew himself up outside a Shiite mosque shortly before evening prayers in Mahmoudiya, a town 20 miles south of Baghdad. Police said it killed at least 10 people and wounded 30 — many of them children. Patrick QUINN (AP)

ROMANIA | HOMECOMING



RELIEVED: Journalists Sorin Miscoci, left, and Marie Jeanne Ion, center in headscarf, greet relatives at a military airport near Bucharest on Monday. They were freed Sunday after being held hostage in Iraq for eight weeks.

Britons Put Curbs on Happy Hour

LONDON | Beer-swilling Britons face a sobering prospect: an unhappy hour. A group representing about half of the country's pubs and bars said Monday it is curbing Happy Hour offers and other deals that encourage irresponsible drinking, which has come under increasing attack from the government.

It's not quite "The Death of Happy Hour," as the Daily Mirror put it Monday. Publicans can continue to host and advertise Happy Hours. But offers that invite customers to drink for free after paying a cover charge, for example, will be out. Half-price drinks will be allowed, but only if done responsibly with say, offers of food, too.

"We're not banning promotions, we're just banning irresponsible promotions," said Christine Milburn of the British Beer and Pub Association, which issued the guidelines on behalf of companies that own about half of Britain's 60,000 pubs. (AP)



First lady Laura Bush is given a tour of the ancient pyramids in Egypt on Monday.

First Lady, in Egypt, Calls Mubarak 'Bold and Wise'

GIZA, EGYPT | In front of the pyramids, first lady Laura Bush said on Monday that building democracy is a slow process, and she praised Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for what she called an important first step toward open elections.

"I think he's been very bold and wise to take the first step," Mrs. Bush said of the president who has served 24 years without facing an opposing candidate for re-election.

Egyptians are deciding whether to allow the country's first multicandidate presidential election in September, but many of Mubarak's opponents say the plan is little more than window dressing designed to appease reformists while keeping Mubarak's ruling party in power.

Mrs. Bush told reporters that sometimes "you have to be slow" when implementing political freedoms. She noted that the United States allowed slavery long after the Constitution was adopted.

Mrs. Bush's travels Monday were in contrast to her hectic stops Sunday in Jerusalem, where she was heckled at the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock. The first lady said the protesters did not surprise her and she denied that they overshadowed her goodwill visit. (AP)

In Brief

ASI

Chinese Official Called Home Before Talks With Koizumi

China abruptly called a top official home Monday — scuttling a meeting with Japan's prime minister. China's Foreign Ministry said Vice Premier Wu Yi had to return for urgent but unspecified matters at home. Wu's talks with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Monday were to have capped her eight-day trip to Japan. They had been billed by both sides as a step toward improving ties soured by violent anti-Japanese riots in China over Japan's World War II aggression. (AP)

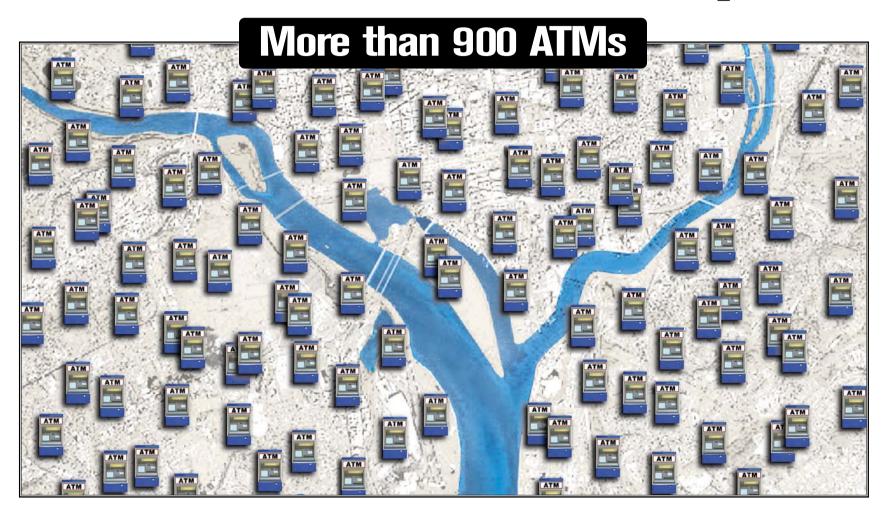
CHIL

Army Chief Under Pressure After Soldiers Die in Storm

As the search continued for 19 soldiers still missing after a blizzard last week, the government expressed confidence in the army's top commander amid accusations that the young draftees were sent on a mountain drill without proper clothing and equipment. Authorities have recovered 26 bodies in the country's worst peacetime military disaster, and officials said the other soldiers missing since Wednesday's snowstorm in the Andes are presumed dead. (AP)



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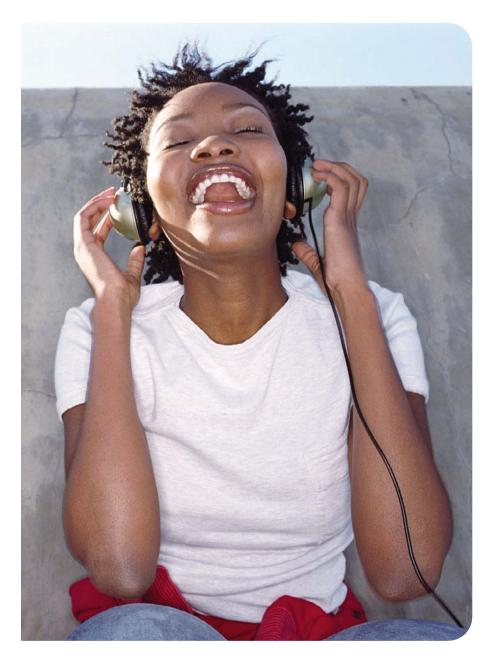


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World



BBC workers picket outside the Television Centre in London on Sunday.

Shows Go Off-Air in BBC Strike

Workers walk off sets after media giant says it needs to slash jobs

LONDON | Thousands of British Broadcasting Corp. journalists and technicians staged a strike over proposed job cuts Monday, severely disrupting radio and TV programs.

The stoppage, one of the biggest in the BBC's history, prevented flagship morning news program "Today" from broadcasting. The show was replaced by prerecorded programs with only brief news bulletins. The BBC also said its main television news-magazine program, "Newsnight," would be canceled.

The three unions organizing the strike walked off the job over plans to ax about 4,000 jobs.

"The savage cuts proposed will damage programming as well as the organization and will unravel British broadcasting traditions," said Mike Smallwood, national officer of the Amicus union.

The corporation, which has a work force of around 28,000, is hoping the cuts will help it save some \$640 million. (AP)

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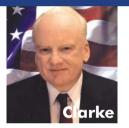
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SMASH HIT: Sales have doubled at a reopened Seoul, South Korea, eatery that was trampled April 20 by three escaped zoo elephants, Reuters reported. It has a new name — "Restaurant Where Elephants Have Been" — to capitalize on the event.

Iranian Challenges **Ban on Reformists**

Supreme leader asks hard-line council to reconsider candidates

TEHRAN | Fearing a boycott after all reformist candidates were disqualified from Iran's upcoming elections, the country's supreme leader on Monday ordered hard-line officials to reconsider the ban against two of them, state television reported.

The Guardian Council, the constitutional watchdog that vets the candidates, on Sunday rejected all but six of the more than 1,000 people registered to run in next month's presidential elections.

The council is controlled by hard-liners loval to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters. But Khamenei called Monday for a review of the two most prominent reformists disqualified, Mostafa



Khamenei

President Mohsen Mehralizadeh. "It's appropri-

ate that all individuals in the country be given the choice from various political

tendencies," he said in the decree.

Khamenei's call is unlikely to appease reformists, who have said the council's vetting policies are illegal, but it may revive hopes for a reasonable turnout on June 17. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN | PHOTO FINISH



IN THE RUNNING: A man prepares to have his photo taken on Monday at the electoral commission in Kabul, where he registered as a candidate for the September elections. Monday was the final registration day for the parliamentary vote, the next key step in establishing a democracy in Afghanistan. At least 2.668 people have nominated themselves for the 249-seat legislature.

Palestinian Vote May Be Delayed

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK | The Palestinian Election Commission said Monday that parliamentary elections scheduled for July 17 must be delayed - a move that could inflame a dispute between the militant group Hamas and the ruling Fatah party.

The commission said it would need at least two months from the time a new election law was ratified to prepare for the vote. The law is being held up by a dispute between Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and parliament over how legislators should be chosen in district elections and how many from party slates.

Hamas, which hopes to gain after strong showings in municipal elections, has insisted the parliament vote be held as scheduled.

The commission said it could carry out the election on time, but only based on the old law. (AP)

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POULTRY PUSH: Perdue Farms said it will begin marketing to Hispanic customers in ads and possibly products. Previously, its late founder Frank Perdue had recorded ads in rough Spanish, ending them with: "My chicken is better than my Spanish."



Money

Customers Alerted To Breach at Banks

Bank of America, Wachovia employees may have stolen data

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | More than 100,000 customers of Wachovia Corp. and Bank of America Corp. have been notified that their financial records may have been stolen by bank employees and sold to collection agencies.

So far, Bank of America has alerted about 60,000 customers whose names were included on computer disks discovered by police, bank spokeswoman Alex Liftman said Monday.

"We are trying to communicate with our customers as promptly as

possible," she said. "So far, we have no evidence that any of our customer information has been used for account fraud or identity theft."

Wachovia said it has identified 48,000 current and former account holders whose accounts may have been breached. The theft was exposed last month when police in Hackensack, N.J., charged nine people, including seven bank workers, in an alleged plot to steal financial records of bank customers.

The bank employees accessed records for customers of Cherry Hill, N.J.-based Commerce Bank, PNC Bank of Pittsburgh, and Charlottebased banks Wachovia and Bank of America, according to Hackensack Police Chief Ken Zisa. (AP)

Market Action

New Yor	k Stock I	Exchang	e	NASDAQ Stock Market						
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FrankCov	6.09	+1.14	+23.0	Phazar	24.56	+4.96	+25.3			
StarGsSr	3.13	+.52	+19.9	DynMatl	37.64	+6.25	+19.9			
OM Grp If	23.99	+2.61	+12.2	RCM	4.90	+.70	+16.6			
JoAnnStrs .	26.98	+2.17	+8.7	8x8 Inc	2.38	+.33	+16.1			
QtmDSS	2.76	+.19	+7.4	GoAmrrs	7.01	+.85	+13.8			
Losers				Losers						
Culp Inc	3.83	26	-6.4	AbleLabs	5.05	-2.14	-29.8			
Zapata s	6.31	39	-5.8	Zoltek If	9.10	-1.60	-15.0			
Delphi If	4.68	28	-5.6	AmSvce s	19.75	-2.63	-11.8			
Visteon .	6.27	30	-4.6	Neurgn	6.86	89	-11.5			
MidwGm	8.97	35	-3.8	ExideTc	4.56	57	-11.1			

Rates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)							
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO				
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3-month	2.90	2.75	European Euro	.7948	.7963	.8327				
2-year	3.62	3.60	Japanese Yen	107.62	108.13	112.20				
10-year	4.06	3.94	Mexican Peso	10.9600	10.9570	11.5720				
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Celgene s	39.16	26	+47.7							
ChRvLab	48.40	03	+5.2							
Chiron	36.45	38	+9.4							
Genentch	76.60	+.70	+40.7							
Genzyme	64.34	+.50	+10.8							
GileadSci s	40.75	+.57	+16.5							
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Local



HORSE HOME: Officials in Maryland are exploring the feasibility of building a venue for national and international equestrian events that would include a 5,000-seat arena, an amphitheater, a museum and maybe a retirement home for racehorses.

Officials Salute Fallen Policeman

Volunteer officer who died after car accident given full police honors

WASHINGTON | He was an ordinary citizen who found his passion in volunteer police work after the Sept. 11 attacks. And at his funeral Monday, Joseph Pozell was remembered as a friend who was unselfish with his time.

It was his work as a reserve police officer which cost Pozell his life. He was hit by a car on May 14 while doing what he enjoyed most. Dressed in his blue uniform and yellow and black gloves, Pozell was directing traffic through one of the busiest intersections in the nation's capital. He died three days later.

"Joe was a great conductor because he managed to forge order out of chaos," Mayor Anthony A. Williams told mourners at Washington National Cathedral. Williams — who interrupted a West Coast business trip to return for the service — praised Pozell's dedication and efforts which helped move traffic regularly through the center of Georgetown's business district.

It was at the intersection of M Street and Wisconsin Avenue, NW, where Pozell was struck by a sport utility vehicle. Police investigators said Pozell, 59, accidentally stepped into traffic.

"There's not a tougher intersection anywhere in the city," said District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey.

"My husband was a fortunate man," said widow Ella Pozell, adding that the outpouring of concern has made her understand why her husband appreciated his volunteer police work so much.

Pozell's badge will be officially retired next month. He is the first unpaid reservist to join 110 other MPD officers who have died in the line of duty. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

NATIONAL ZOO | SEE SPOTS RUN



PICK OF THE LITTER: The National Zoo's first litter of cheetah cubs, born Nov. 23, enjoy a romp in this just released photo taken last Wednesday. The cubs were six months old Monday and are on exhibit at the Cheetah Conservation Station.

Death Penalty Debate in MS-13 Trial

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Two members of the MS-13 street gang convicted of murdering a pregnant teenager-turned-federal-informant should be spared the death penalty because they were immersed in a culture of violence that made killing seem almost routine, their lawyers argued Monday.

Oscar Antonio Grande, 22, and Ismael Juarez Cisneros, 26 were convicted last week of the murder of Brenda Paz, 17, herself an MS-13 member who had entered the Witness Protection Program to testify against other gang members. But Paz wound up leaving witness protection and was found stabbed

to death in July 2003 on the banks of the Shenandoah River.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Patricia Giles told the jury during opening statements of the trial's sentencing phase that the two deserved the death penalty because of the especially cruel nature of Paz's death, stabbing her 16 times and cutting her throat while she was four months pregnant. (AP)



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WASHINGTON | The Senate recessed for a brief period Monday night after an unidentified plane entered Washington's restricted airspace, two weeks after another airplane caused emergency evacuations of the White House and Capitol.

There was no evacuation on

Monday. The private Cessna was intercepted by military jets and later landed in Gaithersburg, Md., north of the capital, the Transportation Security Administration said.

Private planes are not allowed to fly in the Air Defense Identification Zone, or ADIZ — an area of about 2,000 square miles radiating from the three airports around Washington — unless they have a special transponder code and maintain radio contact with the FAA. (AP)

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LOG OFF: Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano has been told to cut back on his computer time because the typing could be contributing to his elbow problems. Zambrano said he had been logging about four hours a day e-mailing his brother.



Sports

In Brief

FOOTBALL

Brown Stays With Patriots

Receiver-turned-defensive back Troy Brown, whose willingness and ability to play both ways made him the face of the Super Bowl champions' team-first philosophy, agreed Monday to a one-year contract to return to the New England Patriots. Brown, 33, was released two months ago in a cost-cutting move that saved the Patriots \$5 million against the salary cap. But his Gillette Stadium locker remained intact and he reportedly didn't negotiate with other teams. Financial terms of the new deal weren't disclosed. (AP)

BASEBALL

Graves' Last Gesture as Red

The Reds designated closer Danny Graves for assignment on Monday, a move that ends his career with Cincinnati, a day after he made a hand gesture at a taunting fan following his latest poor performance. Graves, the Reds' career saves leader, slipped to 1-1 with a 7.76 ERA after his performance Sunday in which he gave up five runs in the ninth inning of a 9-2 loss to the Indians. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON MASN) Livan Hernandez looks for his seventh straight victory when the Nationals visit the Cincinnati Reds.

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Orioles send Bruce Chen to the mound to face the Seattle Mariners.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) The Phoenix Suns look to rebound for a Game 1 loss against the San Antonio Spurs in Game 2 of the Western Conference Finals.

TENNIS (IO A.M. ON ESPN2) Early-round action at the French Open.

Baltimore's Been O's So Consistent

Orioles are staying in first place by avoiding long losing streaks

ORIOLES | A year ago this week, the Baltimore Orioles were in the midst of a seven-game losing streak, in what ultimately would be a franchise-record seventh consecutive losing season.

This season, Baltimore has yet to lose more than two straight, a feat that no other team in the majors can match. Five times the Orioles have dropped two in a row, and on each occasion they righted themselves before becoming mired in a serious slump.

"That's why we keep being in first place," shortstop Miguel Tejada said. "I think it's great."

The Orioles (27-16) are tied with St. Louis for the second-best record in the major leagues behind the Chicago White Sox. Baltimore has stood atop the AL East since April



HATS OFF: Baltimore's Melvin Mora, left, celebrates with Brian Roberts after a win Saturday to keep the Orioles ahead of the Yankees and Red Sox in the AL East.

22, ahead of the defending champion Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees, thanks to five winning streaks of three games or more.

Missing thus far is the inconsistency of last season, when Baltimore

endured two seven-game skids and a run of 12 games without a win.

"You go through certain bad

streaks, but you want to minimize that," second-year manager Lee Mazzilli said.

Much of their success can be attributed to a maturing pitching staff, led by starters Erik Bedard (5-1, 2.08 ERA), Bruce Chen (5-2, 3.63) and closer B.J. Ryan (1.50 ERA, 12 saves). Twice this month, Bedard has thrown a gem to lift Baltimore out of a two-game slide.

The offense has certainly done its share. Although Rafael Palmeiro is hitting just .254 and outfielder Larry Bigbie is at .248, the Orioles lead the AL with a .291 batting average and rank second in the majors with 63 home runs.

Leadoff hitter Brian Roberts is hitting .376, Tejada is at .328 with 40 RBIs and Javy Lopez appears to have adjusted to AL pitching in his second season since leaving the Atlanta Braves. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



Silent type: Not a lot is known about Ichiro Suzuki as the Mariners get ready to play the Orioles — and that's how the Japanese star likes it | **Today's Post, Sports**

NATIONALS | BOWDEN'S BACK IN CINCINNATI



SEEING REDS: Cincinnati outfielder Adam Dunn, center, poses with Washington Nationals GM Jim Bowden, with Austin Kearns looking on before Monday's Nats-Reds game. Bowden previously was the Reds' GM.

76ers Turn The Other Cheeks

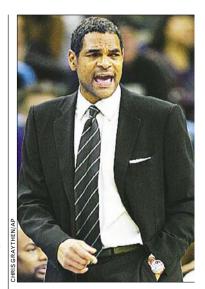
Philadelphia brings in fan favorite to replace O'Brien after 1 year

NBA | Jim O'Brien was fired Monday after one season as coach of the 76ers and replaced by former Portland coach Maurice Cheeks, one of the most popular players in Philadelphia's franchise history.

O'Brien, a Philadelphia native who played for Saint Joseph's, went 43-39 in his only season and the Sixers were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs.

He was in the first year of a fouryear contract that paid him about \$4 million a year. O'Brien, though, was not very popular with his players — most notably former All-Star Chris Webber — who often complained about their roles.

Cheeks was one of the most pop-



Maurice Cheeks, popular as a player in Philly, will coach the 76ers next season.

ular 76ers from 1978-89 and played on Philadelphia's last championship team, in 1983.

Cheeks was fired March 2 after nearly four seasons as coach of the Trail Blazers. He had a 162-139 in Portland. DAN GELSTON (AP)

Late game: The Heat-Pistons game ended after Express' dead-line. Results | washingtonpost.com/sports

Redskins Bring Back Warren as Scout

REDSKINS | The Washington | Redskins hired Don Warren as a pro scout Monday, bringing aboard a former tight end who played in four Super Bowls during Joe Gibbs' first head coaching stint.

The team also promoted Louis

Riddick to director of pro personnel and returned Scott Campbell to director of college scouting.

Warren caught 244 passes for 2,536 yards and seven touchdowns for the Redskins from 1979-92. He has worked as a football and base-

ball coach at Centreville High School in Virginia.

Riddick, who played in the NFL for seven years as a safety, was a pro scout the last four seasons. Campbell originally joined the Redskins in 2001 as director of college scouting, then the past few seasons headed up scouting of pro personnel. (AP)

Sports



"The whole idea of responding to someone trying to use that tactic of intimidation is a waste of time."

— Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, teaching Chinese basketball players to ignore trash talking

Defending Champ Ousted

Myskina out of the French Open in record time

TENNIS | The role of defending French Open champion weighed on Anastasia Myskina, as did her mother's illness. And so her bid to repeat ended in record time.

The No. 5-seeded Russian became the first defending titlist at Roland Garros to be eliminated in the opening round, losing Monday to Spain's Maria Sanchez Lorenzo 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

The earliest previous elimination

of a defending champion — male or female — came in the second round. It happened most recently to Justine Henin-Hardenne and Juan Carlos Ferrero last year.

Myskina was a surprise winner in 2004 when she became the first Russian woman to claim a Grand Slam title. This year she arrived in Paris with a modest record of 11-9, including losses in her past three matches, and she spoke tearfully on

the eve of the tournament about her mother, who has been seriously ill.

Since 1946, women have won back-to-back titles at the French Open only nine times — by far the fewest of any Grand Slam event.

Myskina became the third defending women's champ to lose in the first round of a major tournament since the Open era began in 1968. It also happened to Steffi Graf at Wimbledon in 1994 and to Jennifer Capriati at the 2003 Australian Open. STEVE WINE (AP)



Maria Sanchez Lorenzo, right, and Myskina embrace after Monday's match in Paris.

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HEAD OF THE CLASS: Paula Creamer, 18, won't win back-to-back events after her victory at the Sybase Classic Sunday; she'll be graduating from high school this week.



Sports

Funny Cide Rides Again?

Cloning option draws early concerns from horse-racing breeders

HORSE RACING | After winning the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, Funny Cide should be making multimillionaires of his owners in stud fees alone.

After all, the colt Smarty Jones was sold for \$39 million shortly after his Derby and Preakness victories last year and now fetches \$100,000 for every offspring he fathers. Funny Cide, unfortunately, was castrated shortly after birth, so breeding the gelding is impossible.

There is, however, an intriguing — if still remote — possibility of extending Funny Cide's dead-end bloodline: through cloning.

Funny Cide co-owner Jon Constance said he has received "very preliminary inquiries" into cloning the champion, whose career earnings top \$3 million.

But The Jockey Club, thoroughbred racing's governing body in North America, keeps an extremely tight rein on breeding practices. Only natural breeding methods are allowed and club rules explicitly pro-



 $\label{lem:because Funny Cide} \textbf{Because Funny Cide was castrated}, \textbf{he might be cloned by his owners in the future}.$

hibit not only cloning but artificial insemination of any kind.

Prestigious Kentucky breeders say there is no room for cloning in their business.

"Part of the intrigue, part of what makes horse racing so appealing is the challenge and the art of breeding a better animal," said Dan Rosenberg, president of Three Chimneys Farm in Midway, Ky., which breeds Smarty Jones and a stable of other blue chip runners. "Do we really want races that pit 10 Secretariats against each other?" PAUL ELIAS (AP)

United Find Its Scoring Touch at RFK Stadium

UNITED | In its last three home games, D.C. United has scored nine goals. And while the team hasn't been able to find the back of the net as easily on the road, the offense on display at RFK Stadium is a sign that United (3-3-2) might be turning the corner after a slow start to the season.

The trio of Christian Gomez, Jaime Moreno and Freddy Adu have keyed the increased firepower, and all three played significant roles in United's 3-2 win over the Kansas City Wizards on Saturday. Gomez scored twice, Moreno tallied a goal and an assist, and Adu set up Gomez's second strike, which turned out to be the game-winner.

"I hadn't scored since the first

game against Chivas," Gomez said Saturday. "I was able to score two goals tonight and it was a big boost morally for me."

Moreno was in top form Saturday, slamming a penalty kick high into the net for his team-high fourth goal of the season.

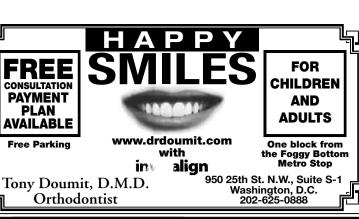
Adu played only 13 minutes on Saturday, in part because he played with the United States Under-20 National Team in a 2-1 victory vs. Canada Wednesday, but his assist on proved that the young star can have an impact no matter how much time he spends on the field. "Even with the national team game, he came back and gave us something special," United coach Peter Nowak said. Jonathan Tannenwald



Mike Petke was a key player during D.C. United's run at the 2004 MLS title.

D.C. Trade Sends Petke to Rapids

UNITED | D.C. United on Monday sent midfielder Mike Petke to the Colorado Rapids in a trade for Chris Henderson. But Henderson will be sent to a third team for an "allocation," according to United. The move may free up space for a future signing. Petke spent two years in D.C., and was a key on the 2004 championship team. (EXPRESS)







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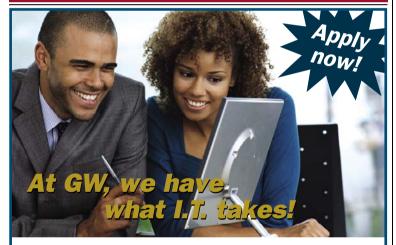
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HEALTH | Throughout human cultures, females have banded together for mutual support. Now the power of girlfriends is yielding its secrets to science.

For women, friendship lowers blood pressure, boosts immunity and aids healing. It may help explain why women, on average, have lower rates of heart disease and longer life expectancies than men.

"Women are much more social in the way they cope with stress," said Shelley E. Taylor, a University of California, Los Angeles, neuroscientist. "Men are more likely to deal with stress with a 'fight or flight' reaction — with aggression or withdrawal." But those take a physiological toll, while friendship brings comfort that mitigates the ill effects of stress, Taylor said. That difference, she added, "contributes to the gender difference in longevity."

Married women are only slightly better off than unmarried women in terms of health and social sup-



Some studies suggest hormones induce women to seek others for support.

port. Researchers attribute that to women's greater reliance on friendships outside of marriage.

Also, scientists increasingly think the hormone oxytocin is, for women especially, the elixir of friendship — and health. When it interacts with estrogen, studies show, females seek company. "We call it a 'social thermostat' that keeps track of how well [females'] social supports are going," Taylor said. When levels are low, females tend to seek others, bring-

ing a rise in oxytocin levels and a "calming" effect, said Taylor.

By nudging women to build support networks, oxytocin has a powerful health effect. When oxytocin levels are high, reactions to stress are dampened, so it is less likely to do physiological damage that can lead to chronic diseases. "What this body of evidence suggests is that there's an important biological role for women's friendships," Taylor said.



Clinic crunch: A local interventional cadiologist who serves those without adequate insurance faces high demand. In today's Washington Post, Health section.

Professor Peace

Meditation instructor works to increase our faith in mental focus

ALTERNATIVE HEALING | Twenty years ago, Fran Palumbo of Fairfield, Conn., was seeing three doctors and two therapists for the almost unbearable pain in her back caused by a noncancerous lump. She took up meditation, a practice she has done daily since 1985.

"Two weeks meditating, the lump went away. ... It is the most powerful gift you can give yourself," she said.

Today, more than 10 million Americans have made a place for meditation in their lives. According to Dr. Herbert Benson of Harvard



Fran Palumbo uses chimes to teach cancer patients methods to calm down.

University, meditation decreases the heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, oxygen consumption and muscle tension. Seems to be just what any doctor should order for our stressful lives.

Now Palumbo is a meditation saleswoman, spending her days working in hospitals, with corporations and appearing before groups, leading workshops and classes. For years, Palumbo has also worked with cancer patients, including women at a breast cancer survival center. On a recent night, Palumbo taught them how to meditate.

"Someone who has cancer—each ache and pain can really frighten us. We can't always call our doctor. Now we can just take a deep breath. Meditation is a tremendously helpful tool to help us relieve our stress," Susan Santangelo, the center's founder, said. VALERIE FOSTER (THE STAMFORD ADVOCATE)



Entertainment

On Everyone's Lips

Shakira's new album project aims to break the language barrier

MUSIC | Leave it to Shakira to defy all the rules.

Typically, a Latin crossover act with an album in English will promote it to English-speaking and Latin fans. For Spanish-language albums, promotion is concentrated on the act's Latin fan base, wherever it may be.

But not Shakira.

Her upcoming "Fijacion Oral, Volumen 1," due June 7 on Epic Records, is her first studio album in nearly four years. It is an all-Spanish album whose first single, "La Tortura," had its premiere on MTV.

It was the first time the channel added a Spanish-only video — with no English counterpart.

MTV also aired a "Making the Video" program in Spanish with subtitles during prime time — another first.

Indeed, there is no precedent for "Fijacion Oral." The album, the follow-up to Shakira's Englishlanguage debut, the multiplatinum "Laundry Service," is the first half of



FOUND IN TRANSLATION: Shakira's all-Spanish "Fijacion Oral, Volumen 1," on sale next month, will be followed by an English-language album released in the fall.

a two-part, bilingual project.

The second part, "Oral Fixation, Part Two," is completely in English and will be released this fall, also on Epic. Unlike other releases by crossover acts, the two albums do not have any songs in common.

"The original intent was to make one album, I didn't know if in English or Spanish," Shakira said

When she started to write, the songs flowed in her native Spanish, and also in English. It was a different experience for the Colombianborn Shakira, who wrote "Laundry Service" armed with a bilingual dictionary, when she was just learning how to speak English.

"Sometimes with great artists you have to reinvent the way you do business," Epic Records president Steve Barnett said. "Often, record companies talk about global plans for a record. This is a global plan for two records."

Marketing and promotion will be distinct in each territory, with Shakira initially visiting Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Spain, England, Germany and possibly Chile in addition to her U.S. promotion. LEILA COBO (BILLBOARD)



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Ubiquity Loves Company: Jim Gaffigan

Jim Gaffigan's a familiar face and voice from his bit parts in movies, his failed sitcoms and his commercials for Rolling Rock, Saturn and ESPN. But behind all that star power is an offbeat sense of humor worth checking out.

The Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; \$8:30 p.m., \$15-17; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North/West)

Swing Takes Flight: Andrew Bird

He survived the swing craze of the late '90s, now all Andrew Bird has to do is concentrate on turning his upbeat melange of folk, rock and jazz into a fiddlepickin' treat for the ears.

Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8:30 p.m., \$12; 703-552-8340. (Clarendon)



Even young, quirky swing-kids need to keep hydrated. Think healthy, people.

Island Extremes: 'The Hungry Tide'

Amitav Ghosh's novel "The Hungry Tide" takes an indepth look at the clash between nature and civilization in the Bay of Bengal's Sundarban archipelago. He'll read from the book at Politics and Prose.

Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919.

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Another Day in the 'Yard

Making his movie debut was a snap for Nelly

FILM | Nelly is used to making hits. Getting hit was another story.

The superstar rapper is making his movie debut in "The Longest Yard," as the running back for a prison football squad that takes on a team of guards. Adam Sandler plays the quarter-

IT'S A RAP: Nelly says his move to acting wasn't a tough transition.

back and Burt Reynolds — who starred in the 1974 original — plays the prison team's coach.

You've filmed dozens of videos, but this is your major motion picture debut. How was it?

It was cool. I don't want to say easy, because it wasn't easy. It was natural for me because I could relate to the role so easily, as far as me playing football and hanging out with the guys. My experiences growing up playing football helped. ... It wasn't anything I had to take too many acting classes for. I didn't have to cry on film or anything like that.

Your character wore No. 23 on his jersey. Any specific reason you chose that number?

Michael Jordan. Come on! I wanted to get No. 1 but they already had that slated for someone else. So I had to go with 23. MJ is the best athlete to ever live.

Who was a better quarterback, Adam Sandler or Burt Reynolds?

Oh man, you can't ask me that.
Well, Adam was probably the better quarterback but Burt looked cooler doing it. Burt was slick back in the day. Adam is a comedian. Burt was always a ladies man.

Entertainment



GET SWINDLED: "A Hard Day's Night" it ain't, but Sex Pistols fans won't mind. The trail-blazing punk band has released its 1980 movie spoof "The Great Rock 'N' Roll Swindle" on DVD. Forget the plot; get it for its treasure-trove of Pistols performances.



TO 'BE': Common's newest album sprung from sessions with producer Kanye West.

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The Chicago rapper drops experimentation for a good, solid beat

MUSIC | Common is back. That is the consensus reverberating coastto-coast in advance of the May 24 release of "Be." And judging by the unanimously positive buzz to the Getting Out Our Dreams/Geffen album, the Chicago rapper will find himself once again at the apex of critical acclaim and commercial appeal.

The socially conscious rapper formerly known as Common Sense has been drawing respect for his honest and colorful street poetry ever since his debut in the early '90s.

Born Lonnie Rashid Lynn, Common first tasted critical and commercial success with "Like Water for Chocolate," his fourth album, which featured the Grammy Award-nominated "The Light."

But his momentum shifted with the experimental 2002 release "Electric Circus," which sold a disappointing 65,000 units.

"I don't apologize for the record," Common said of "Electric Circus" during a stop on his cross-country promo tour. "It was me being true to what I feel as an artist. Like Miles Davis, it's my 'Bitches Brew.' It's a part of my musical evolution."

As is "Be," which features producer Kanye West.

"We were like two kids in the studio saying, 'Man, this almost sounds like Pete Rock or Gang Starr.' But it was our own stuff we were coming with."

That "stuff" includes wellreceived first single "The Corner" and recently launched second single "Go!" These tracks, as well as noteworthy selections like the jazz-infused "Real People," artfully balance both artists' considerable talents.

With a worldwide simultaneous release. Common is fitting in an international promo tour, then it is back to the States for a monthlong tour with Legend starting July 18. GAIL MITCHELL (BILLBOARD)

Team Player

Matt McGough's stint as a Yankees bat boy was the time of his life

BOOKS | Despite the recent revelations about steroid use among baseball players, the game can still evoke memories of childhood innocence. of hiding under the covers to listen to late-night games on the radio or fantasizing about hitting a gamewinning grand slam.

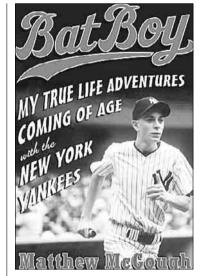
Matt McGough describes just such a time in his life in "Bat Boy."

At 16, McGough boldly sent a handwritten letter to the New York Yankees, asking to become their bat boy. Miraculously, without benefit of having known someone on the team, he was given the job for the 1992 season.

cleaning batting helmets, polishing 25 pairs of spiked shoes and vacuuming the clubhouse. During games, he took take care of the bats and kept the umpires supplied with baseballs, or retrieved foul balls down the line.

On Opening Day, however, first baseman Don Mattingly asked him to find a "left-handed bat stretcher." Not until after he had asked Yankees manager Buck Showalter and outfielder Danny Tartabull, and made trips to the visiting Red Sox clubhouse and a local sporting goods store, did McGough realize he had been had.

He also writes about the time a player impishly took his boxer shorts, wet them and put them in the freezer just before McGough



was about to go out on a postgame date.

He retired as a bat boy after the 1993 season, but was asked by the Yankees to return for the 1998 postseason. After the Yankees won the World Series, he even got to ride on a float in the parade along Broadway. RICHARD A. SOMMA (AP)

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WITH THIS 'RING': Fresh off her nine-season run on "Everybody Loves Raymond," Patricia Heaton is moving on. The Hollywood Reporter says she's in negotiations to star in "The Engagement Ring," a "Moonstruck"-style romantic comedy for TNT.

UPN Goes to Pot

In 'Bad Girl's Guide,' marijuana is Jenny McCarthy's co-star

TELEVISION | Some years back, Jenny McCarthy, star of the new sitcom "The Bad Girl's Guide" (9:30 p.m., UPN), appeared in a footwear ad sitting on a toilet. Some considered this vulgar. Some magazines even refused to run it. But the ad and its star seemed to taunt the former Playboy model's more mindless male fans with the unstated message, "Hey, I'm blond and beautiful and I have to go to the bathroom, too. Deal with it!"



SMOKE & MIRRORS: McCarthy's show brings marijuana use front and center.

McCarthy brings a similar transgressive sass to "Girl's."

In this debut episode, McCarthy's JJ, an advertising creative type, and her slacker roommate Holly (Marcelle Larice) take long lunches and procrastinate when they should be coming up with the big idea for the big new client. But when these "Bad Girls" can't come up with ideas, they don't worry. They get high.

While no one will ever confuse "Girl's" with groundbreaking comedy, the show offers an audaciously casual attitude toward drug use, particularly for network television. These bad girls get high and talk about getting high. They don't suffer consequences. In fact, getting stoned is part of their creative process. As they might say, deal with it. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

ALL 'FIRED' UP

Justin Louis dons a wig and waves his finger in the listless biopic **TRUMP UNAUTHORIZED** (9 p.m., ABC), exploring "The Apprentice" host's rise to fame in the building trade, his struggles with his family and his tabloidworthy marriages.

PUNCH OUT

Sylvester Stallone and Sugar Ray Leonard host the finale of **THE CONTENDER** (8 p.m., NBC).

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FOR 'ROB AND AMBER GET LOST'
Stars of "Survivor" and "Amazing
Race" tie the knot on ROB AND AMBER
GET MARRIED (9 p.m., CBS).

CULT CHOICE

The FBI looks for New York-based



Justin Louis' hair looks more real than
The Donald's in "Trump Unauthorized."

Nazi spies in the 1945 thriller **THE HOUSE ON 92ND STREET** (10 p.m., Fox Movie Channel), starring future television stars Lloyd Nolan ("Julia") and Leo G. Carroll ("Topper," "The Man From U.N.C.L.E."). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Culture

A place for young people dealing with their gender identity

On Wednesday nights, the eclectic bunch trickles into the Broadway Youth Center in Chicago, dressed in everything from jeans and T-shirts to pumps and sparkly dresses. Some are students; others are street kids, estranged from their families.

What binds them is the desire to be around people like themselves: transsexual, androgynous or "gender fluid." "I meet good folks here," said David Fischer, 20, who is transitioning from female to male.

It's a chance to share information and a meal - and escape judgment. "Gay kids have a veneer they can hide behind. They can blend if they want to. A lot of these kids don't have that veneer, so, 24-7, they are bombarded with discrimination," said Dr. Rob Garofalo, a physician who helped create the center.

Since it opened this past fall, the center has been one of only a few places in the nation with support services for those questioning their gender identity, something doctors say is happening at ever younger ages. Often, because it's less common to be transsexual than lesbian or gay, finding peers going through



TALK IT OUT: Jessi Uzel, left, and others seek support while transitioning to female.

"You can do hormones the right way and just be able to live life."

> JESSI UZEL TRANSGENDER GROUP MEMBER

hormones the right way and just be able to live life," said Uzel, who began transitioning from male to female last year. Fischer had extensive counseling before receiving hormones.

At the group, he and others discuss gender-transition issues, such as the legal steps to name change, telling family and friends, and dealing with the confusion chang-

Transsexual Transitions

the same thing is difficult.

"They are clearly, clearly more at risk than any other population we deal with," Garofalo said, noting that young transsexuals are more likely to be homeless or involved in



HORMONE HELP: Jessi Uzel gets drugs at a reduced cost from a Chicago clinic.

prostitution.

Acceptance is growing, however. For example, a small but increasing number of states prohibit discrimination of transsexuals in such areas as employment and housing.

"They are clearly, clearly more at risk than any other population we deal with."

> DR. ROB GAROFALO **BROADWAY YOUTH CENTER**

Transgendered adults also have greater access to doctors who can prescribe hormones to help gender transition. This is important, Garofalo said, because many who can't get hormones legally buy them on the black market and take them without a doctor's supervision.

Deciding to transition - and have expensive gender reassignment surgery — remains daunting. Many use counseling and medical services to get through it.

Jessi Uzel, 23, who attends the group, gets hormones from a local clinic at reduced cost. "You can do ing genders can cause at work or school.

The staff connect youth with counselors and agencies who help with everything from family issues to substance abuse. The center also provides meals, and Garofalo runs a medical clinic Friday evenings.

Helping members feel comfortable is a big job for Casey Schwartz, who began transitioning from female to male four years ago and now facilitates the Wednesday gatherings. "It's so meaningful when you can meet somebody like you," Schwartz said. MARTHA IRVINE (AP)



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'Skywalking'

DALE POLLOCK, author of "Skywalking," was online last Thursday to discuss George Lucas and the "Star Wars" saga | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Why has Lucas not directed any non-"Star Wars" films since the first film came out?

Because essentially he hates directing and has directed the first three preguels only because they necessitate little actual direction of actors, and far more attention paid to effects.

The great mystery to me is why Lucas has never bothered to make the personal films he vowed to make after the success of the first "Star Wars," when he could have done anything he wanted. He has never explained this, yet he's still talking about doing it some day. I wouldn't hold my breath.

What exactly is Lucas' vision, if it doesn't encompass story and character? Is it just the visual spectacle?

I think his vision is of other worlds that carry the same politics, struggles, societal dynamics and battle between people and technology.

It is certainly not character or dramatic concerns that drive his vision, rather an epic story on an epic scale that gets him excited.

Do you think to fit his "vision" Lucas purposely picked horribly wooden actors to play "Anakin Skywalker" in the prequels?

I don't think any filmmaker consciously casts a horrible actor. The problem isn't the actors, the problem is the director. Look at Natalie Portman in Episodes I and II, and then look at her performance in 'Closer," directed by an actor's director, Mike Nichols. It doesn't seem like the same actress. That's the difference in directors.

Do you think he'll update the hairstyle at some point?

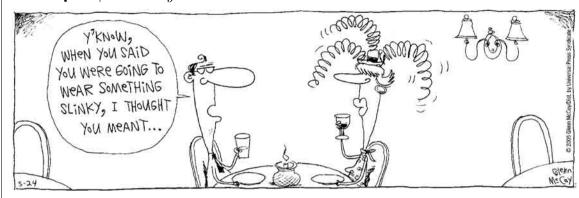
I can't imagine anyone who cares less about how they look. He has dressed the same essentially for almost 40 years.

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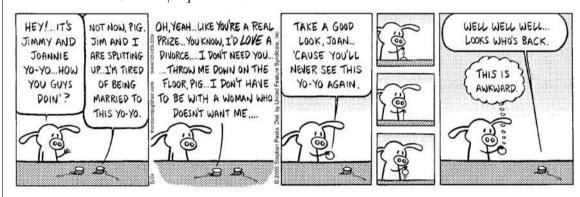
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3 P.M.: Author and historian David McCullough discusses "1776," his new book about the nation's birth-year.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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Letters

Dulles Toll Hike Insignificant

SO THERE'S A GROUP protesting the fact that tolls are increasing slightly on the Dulles Toll Road ("Group to Protest Toll Hike," May 23), the first increase since 1984, which is, oh, 21

years ago. Contrast that with Metro riders, who have endured two fare increases in as many years, and the anti-rail group sounds a tad whiny.

-DANIELLE KICHLER Washington, D.C.

Gun Laws Hinder Safety

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SUCH NAIVETE as seen in Monday's letter ("Leave D.C. Gun Laws Alone") would be charming if it weren't dangerous. Instead of a gun, the writer advocates getting "a security system or a guard dog." After an intruder sets off the alarm and shoots the dog, what's left?

> -JOE THOMPSON Via e-mail

> > Wed. Hi/Lo/W

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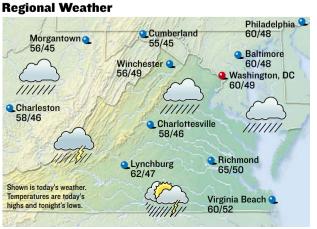




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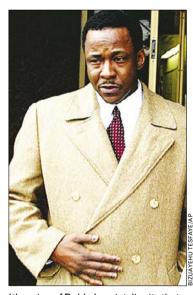


People

SURPRISE

World Reels: Bobby Brown Still Has an Entourage?!

Two members of singer BOBBY **BROWN**'s entourage were hospitalized for treatment of knife wounds after a fight at an Atlanta restaurant early Monday, police said. Brown was apparently not involved, authorities said. He lives outside Atlanta with his wife, singer Whitney Houston. Brown was at Justin's Restaurant and Bar performing during a weekly open microphone event. Two members of Brown's group were either cut or stabbed following a verbal altercation about 1:30 a.m., police said. The victims are in stable condition at a local hospital. Justin's Restaurant and Bar is owned by Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. (AP)



It's a sign of Bobby's quiet dignity that he still maintains a working entourage.

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Perhaps looking to capitalize on that "new mom" glow, Estee Lauder has named **GWYNETH PALTROW** as one of the faces of the makeup and fragrance brand. She will first appear in a new global print and TV ad campaign to begin this holiday season for Pleasures fragrance, Estee Lauder announced Monday. Paltrow and her husband. Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin, celebrated the first birthday of their daughter, Apple, on May 14. (AP)

SHOW-KILLERS

Actor Marvels at Success; Viewing Public Joins Him

JON CRYER, who plays the uptight divorced father, Alan, on "Two and a Half Men," says he's having trouble adjusting to success after having been on four consecutive failed series. "I haven't really bought into the mind-set of being on a hit show," Cryer says in the May 22 issue of TV Guide. "Maybe in the

ninth season, I'll finally say, 'I think this show is a hit." His other — more short-lived — TV shows have included "Partners," "The Famous Teddy Z," "The Trouble with Normal"



and "Getting Personal." His most famous role is as Duckie Dale in the 1986 teen flick "Pretty in Pink." (AP)

"Oh Katie, you taste like Scientology."

ENTHUSIASM

'Katie Is the Second Coming Of L. Ron Hubbard Himself!'

"I can't be cool. I can't be laid-back,"

TOM CRUISE said Monday during a
taped appearance on "The Oprah
Winfrey Show." "I want to celebrate
it." Cruise got down on his knees
and repeatedly jumped up on the
couch, saying that his love for KATIE
HOLMES was "beyond cool." Will he
propose? "I'm going to discuss it
with her," he said. Later, Cruise
went backstage to fetch Holmes,
who once told Seventeen she grew
up wanting to marry Cruise. "I'm
glad I was a big dreamer," she told
Oprah. (AP)

DOGGIES

Purina Rushes to Secure Exclusive Marketing Rights

LASSIE will appear on the big screen for the first time in over a decade. The re-make of "Lassie Come Home" co-stars Peter O'Toole as the Duke of Rudling, who buys Lassie from the destitute Carraclouugh family on the eve of World War II. Lassie then embarks on a long journey to return to her family. The film begins shooting this week in Ireland. (AP)



Roddy McDowall loves him some Lassie in 1943's "Lassie Come Home."

Trump U. bears several earmarks of a cult.

DISCIPLES Follow the Supreme Master Into the Light

DONALD TRUMP announced his latest venture on Monday: Trump University, which will consist of online courses, CD-ROMS, consulting services and Learning Annex-type seminars. The for-profit university will not offer degrees or traditional grades. Michael Sexton, identified by a Trump spokesman as "an expert in accelerating the foundation and growth of early-stage companies," will serve as president of Trump University. (AP)





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Odd Couples | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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may well clash with those around you, but in one important area at least you'll

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Avoid becoming possessive, demanding and jealous. The more you try to control those around

with those in close proximity. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Hearth and home must not be slighted. Family members are looking to you for many unspo-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your imagination may give rise to numerous plans only one or two of which can lead to profit and pleasure when put into motion.

ken needs that only you can supply.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You never know what waits for you just around the next corner - but you will certainly have something to do with it being positive or

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The control you have over yourself and your affairs is steadily on the rise. Therefore, don't relinquish authority prematurely. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may

encounter something of a challenge where you least expect it. Avoid becoming defensive. Remain calm.

is something that can put you ahead of the competition — and allow you to stay there, provided you don't let down. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be prepared

to make concessions or harmony at home

and the workplace will be something you

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your stamina

only dream about. ARIES (March 21-April 19) The prognosis is good, particularly where the more unusual developments are concerned.

You're intrigued by the bizarre. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be on a surprisingly short fuse, so you had best steer clear of anyone you know who rubs you the wrong way.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your interests discover you have a valuable ally.

you, the more you will relinquish control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your determination

can get you far, but you may have to soft-

pedal your own ambitions to get along

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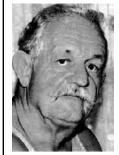
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That was in February 2003 and after a successful surgery, I'm happy to say I'm in good health in 2004 and indebted to Healthfair USA for saving my life! Unfortunately our friend Connie ir Vermont didn't have an opportunity to have these inexpensive tests and died of a ruptured aneurysm. We miss her and hope to see Healthfair mobile units all over the country someday. It really is necessary to have these tests since Medicare won't pay for preventative screenings and I couldn't afford to pay the hos pital price! Thanks from both Marge and I for your 7 test package, it was truly an investment in my health!



THE **RISING** COST OF **HEALTH** CARE

am a physician here in Charleston, SC; a very skeptical one at that. I have been seeing

your ads in the newspaper of your cardiac and vascular screenings, and have to say I was the first to shout "scam artist". I started getting patients showing me this ad and asking my opinion. Instead of answering them with my first thought, I decided to check into your organization myself and do some research. With the cost of healthcare these days I was very concerned of the legitimacy of your organ ization. The first thing I decided to do was make an appointment for myself and see it from the inside. I also needed the help of others to compose an even stronger report of findings. then gathered 11 other family members and colleagues to do your studies. I scheduled various appointments for all of us throughout the month of June. I gave everyone an appoint ment time and asked them to report back to me of their experience and results. So for 12 of us it was off to the testing sites inside of a bus in various parking lots.

My findings were very impressive! I think your organization is an astounding service to the public! It is so nice to see people like you make this service available to the public. I commend you in this service of screenings you offer at this price, it seems impossible to do this in today's society of medical expenses. The rising cost of healthcare today makes plenty suffer and the conformities of today's managed care makes us all susceptible to the realities of our scope of care. I am now your best supporter and I will happily refer you to all of my patients, and commend you accordingly in the commu-

ULTRASOUND TESTS OF THE HEART & ARTERIES

BETHESDA, MD June 20th

First Baptist Church 5033 Wilson Lane

June 6th, 13th, 27th **Waldwood Baptist** 10200 Old Georgetown Rd

McLEAN, VA June 17th

American Legion 1355 Balls Hill Road

SPRINGFIELD. VA June 3rd & 22nd

Sunrise Assisted Living 6541 Franconia Road

AREA DATES AND LOCATIONS:

VIENNA

June 9th Moose Lodge

9616 Courthouse Road

ALEXANDRIA. VA

June 24th Manchester Lakes Senior Community 7131 Silver lake Blvd

FALLS CHURCH, VA

June 10th Sunrise at Falls Church 330 N Washington Street

FREDERICK, MD

June 8th **Grace Bretheren Church** 5102 Old National Pike

June 2nd, 16th & 30th Golds Gym 5620 Buckeystown Pike

June 23rd **Evangelical Reformed Church** 15 West Church Street

HEART ATTACK PREVENTION PACKAGE

ECHOCARDIOGRAM ULTRASOUND TEST

ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (EKG) TEST

HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES (ASI) TEST

ALL 3 TESTS



Echocardiogram is a video ultrasound of the heart. It may detect enlargement of the heart, valve abnormalities, blood clots and tumors.



EKG may detect ischemia, silent heart attack and atrial fibrillation. EKG provides a picture of the electrical activity of the heart.



Hardened arteries cause the heart to work harder which leads to vascular disease. ASI test shows the degree of hardening of the arteries.



These cardiac tests are painless and non-invasive. The combined cost is more than \$1,300 at most

STROKE & ANEURYSM PREVENTION PACKAGE

STROKE/CAROTID ARTERY **ULTRASOUND TEST**

> ABDOMINAL AORTIC **ANEURYSM TEST** (4-HOUR FAST REQUIRED)

BLOOD CIRCULATION (ARTERIOSCLEROSIS) TEST

ALL 3 TESTS



Many strokes are associated with blockages in the carotid arteries that may be detected with an ultrasound.



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